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SUBJECT: GUYANA'S STATEMENT ON PANAMA CANAL TREATY

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1. GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER FRED WILLS CALLED A PRESS
CONFERENCE AUGUST 27 DURING WHICH HE MADE STATEMENTS ON
THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY, US-GUYANESE RELATIONS, ANDREW YOUNG'S
VISIT AND CARIBBEAN AFFAIRS. FULL TEXT OF HIS COMMENTS
ON THE CANAL TREATY FOLLOW.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: I DO NOT KNOW THE DETAILS OF THE PANAMA
CANAL TREATY BUT THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH PANAMA AND THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN HAVE SAID IT IS A BALANCED AND JUST
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TREATY.

QUOTE: THE ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE PANAMA CANAL
HAS BEEN HIGH ON THE AGENDA OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
AT EACH OF ITS MEETINGS.

QUOTE: GENERAL (OMAR) TORRIJOS (THE PANAMANIAN HEAD OF
GOVERNMENT) HAS SAID: 'IT IS A TREATY WHICH DECOLONISES',
AND 'A TREATY WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN OUR DIGNITY AS

PANAMANIAN AND WILL GIVE PANAMANIAN MORE DIGNITY EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD'.

QUOTE: WITHOUT A SOLUTION TO THE PANAMA CANAL PROBLEM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WOULD HAVE REMAINED AT ODDS WITH THE NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA IN PERPETUITY. LATIN AMERICA IS THE WESTERN PART OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD AND THEREFORE A TEST OF THE SINCERITY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE THIRD WORLD.

QUOTE: PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MANAGED TO HAVE NEGOTIATED A TREATY WHICH SATISFIES GENERAL TORRIJOS AND WHICH DEALS FRONTALLY WITH WHAT WAS AN OBSTACLE TO HEMISPHERIC PEACE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS. END QUOTE.

3. WILLS' COMMENTS ON OTHER SIGNIFICANT SUBJECTS WILL BE REPORTED REFTEL.
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